

# Minutes of the Truro Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting

Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 3:30 PM ET  
24 Town Hall Road, Select Board Chambers, Truro MA 02666

## Attending Members:

Tim Silva, Chairman  
Dave Crocker  
John Donahue  
Scott Donnelly  
Eric Moira  
Jim Sloman

## Participating Guests:

Tony Jackett, Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden

## Order of Business:

### 1. Bringing the Meeting to Order

Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM and declared that a quorum of full-time members was present.

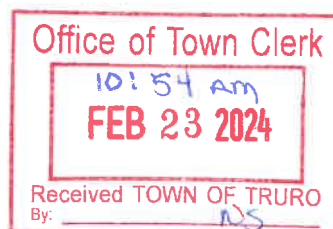
### 2. Review and Approval of previous meeting's minutes

The Commission carefully reviewed and discussed the 12/20/2023 meeting minutes. After thoroughly assessing, Dave proposed a **Motion** to approve them, it was seconded by Scott, unanimously approved by the eligible attending Commission Members and **Granted**.

### 3. Dredging Update

Tony distributed the Barnstable County Dredge "After Dredge Survey" (conducted 01/09/2024) to the Commission Members prior to the meeting. He presented the survey results (attached as **EXHIBIT 1**) and concluded that 6,570 Cubic Yards of sediment was successfully removed from the Basin, Channel and Approach since the project kicked off on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Eric observed that it appeared the Cod Fish II was operating only 7 to 9 days during the two-month duration of the project; a discussion ensued around the efficiency of the operation given scarce time and resources available.

The Harbormaster expressed satisfaction that the 2023 dredging scope was accomplished and, barring any unforeseen severe shoaling, navigability should be unimpaired this upcoming season.



*John A. Silva*  
7/22/24

#### 4. North Jetty Erosion Mitigation

The Commission reviewed the progress of the North Jetty Erosion Mitigation project. Various members commented that the recently installed Coir Roll and Sand Dune configuration appears to be holding up well and withstood last week's storm surge/high wind event.

#### 5. Discussion of Current Harbor Fee Schedule

The Members launched into a discussion of current Harbor fees. Tim reminded the group that historically fees were increased by 4% every 4 years. He recounted the comparative market rate assessment that Dave and John conducted in 2022 to inform the fee adjustments. This study considered services and rates at Cape Cod Town Harbors (e.g. Wellfleet, Provincetown, Chatham etc.) versus Truro's offerings and fees.

John suggested that inflationary pressure over the last 3 years has materially increased operating overhead; he questioned whether harbor fees should take into consideration annual inflation driven cost increases. After extensive discussion, Tim proposed a **Motion** to keep rates the same for the upcoming season and to launch a comparative market assessment in the Fall of 2024 to inform any adjustments for the 2025 season. This was seconded by Dave, unanimously approved by the eligible attending Commission Members and **Granted**.

#### 6. Harbor Esthetic Improvements Discussion

Scott led the group in evaluating an array of potential Pamet Harbor site enhancements, including:

- the previously budgeted painting of the Pilot House,
- repositioning the portable restrooms to a less conspicuous and prominent spot,
- considering kayak racks to improve the organization of the waterfront,
- erecting informational boards that help educate the public on important Pamet Harbor environmental, shellfish and marine life issues.

Members expressed agreement that these improvement projects would enhance both the Harbor's beauty and user experience. Tim suggested that Tony should engage with Truro's DPW Director (Jarrod Cabral) to assess each initiative, prioritize them, launch viable projects and report back on progress.

#### 7. Adjournment

After determining that all Commission business had been carried out, Chairman Silva proposed a **Motion** to adjourn the proceedings; it was seconded by Eric and unanimously approved by the Members present and **Granted**.

